company for that year. However, from the information furnished by the company, there appears to be a *prima-facie* case of violation of this conditon. The apropriate action has been initiated by the Government in this regard.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: When Pepsi was introduced in the Indian market we had expressed our objections from this side and now the apprehensions which we had expressed have come true. Pepsi has failed on all fronts and they have failed to fulfil all their commitments made to the Government while entering into the collaboration agreement. But Sir. since the time is very short, I am going to put my supplementary in brief. A charge-sheet was given and a show-cause notice was served on the Company on the 15th of April. Three months have since elapsed. My first supplementary is why the Government is delaying taking action against this particular concern when it has already come to the conclusion that they have failed to fulfil all the commitments.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: A letter of intent was given to the Company. There were some terms and conditons laid down in the letter of intent. They have not fulfilled their commitments in respect of some of conditions that were in the letter of intent. Sir, we had deputed a group of officers which went in detail into the issues and on the basis of their findings we have initiated action against the Company. The action taken on finding No 1 is that a show cause notice has already been issued and a reply has been received. We have referred to the Ministry of Law for their opinion on the points which the Company has raised and the findings of the group of officers With regard to the other obligation that have not been fulfilled by the Company. if the hon. Member wants to know what action is being taken, I am prepared to reply.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: In the meantime, this multinational company is threatening the Government. This has appeared in the newspapers. They have chalenged the Government authority to initiate action against them. On the other hand, they are trying to get rid of their commitments or the conditionalities stipulated in the letter of intent. They have already applied for relaxing the conditionalities incorporated in the letter of intent. So, I want to know whether the Government would assure this House that they are not going to relax the conditionalities which were initially decided in the letter of intent and also in the collaboration scheme.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: The Government, let me inform you, can make the Company fulfil its commitments They have applied for relaxation and we will stick to whatever we had said in the initial stages.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I want to know whether the Minister will give an assurance in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that he will stick only to whtaever had been said earlier.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: My inside information is that the Government is going to relax the terms and conditions... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You know more than the Minister? ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, whatever is given in the letter of intent, we will stick to it... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that he is going to stick to the letter of intent. Now, the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rubber Industry

*84. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rubber Industry is facing a severe glut due to lack of buyer interest following the RBI credit squeeze; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to help the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Government is not aware of any glut in the Rubber Goods industry due to credit squeeze by Reserve Bank of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Price increase in bulk drugs and in formulations

*85. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations where price increase has been more than five per cent from 1st January, 1991 to 30th June, 1991;

(b) when was the last price increase made in each case;

(c) what were the prices recommended in each case and what price was accepted by Government; and

(d) what is the set up available in his Ministry to verify the recommendaitons of BICP and what are the details of cases where the Ministry have not accepted the recommendations of BICP during the last two years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Names of the bulk drugs and formations alongwith their current prices and previous price

S. No.	Name of the product	Current price with date	Date of previous price
1	BULK DRUGS		
1	Vitamin 'C' plain	294·00 per Kg. (2-1-1991)	9-2-1990
2	Ephadrine Resinate	708·00 per kg. (23-1-1991)	9-3-1989
3	Peracetamol	137·00 per kg. (11-2-1991)	25-5-1990
4	Rifampicin	3850·00 per kg. (26-2-1991)	29-6-1989
5	Tetracycline Hcl	1084·00 per kg. (26-2-1991)	9-8-1990
6	Sulphacetamide Sodium	285·00 per kg. (7-3-1991)	1-10-1990
7	Pot. Penicillin G First Crystal	723·00 BU (7-3-1991)	17-9-1990
8	Sulphacetamide Sodium DRC	312·00 per kg. (7-3-1991)	1-10-1990